

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION II

**MEMORANDUM**

VIA LAN

DATE: August 14, 1997

SUBJECT: L.E Carpenter and Company Site, Wharton, NJ  
Response to RMT comments on EPA review of the *Remedial Action Plan for Phase I - Free Product Recovery*

FROM: Dean R. Maraldo, Hydrogeologist  
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TO: Stephen Cipot, Project Manager  
ERRD/SPB

In response to your request, I have reviewed the document listed above. If you have any questions concerning these comments, please feel free to call me at X-3260.

I have no comments regarding the July 9, 1997, response letter.

RMT's response to my comments concerning actual free-product thickness is satisfactory. Although I suspect that the amount of recoverable free product will be lower than their estimate, I agree with the Department (NJDEP) and would rather avoid a technical argument at this time. We'll have to monitor the removal rates for the first few months and determine whether or not additional remedial efforts will be required to optimize free-product removal. I spoke to Gwen Barunas today and she would rather put off any minor technical arguments and have them start pumping ASAP, with the understanding that the Department may require additional remedial efforts to achieve timely product removal if the proposed Plan is inadequate.

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